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1. The newspaper al-Jala, owned and edited in Latakia by Rashad Ruwayhah (Sunni Moslem, blind poet and scholar) and Dr. Riyad Ruwayhah, is said to be subsidized by the Soviet Legation in Beirut.
2. Three months ago the two Ruwayhahs were introduced to the Soviets by their old friend, Dr. Samih Alam al-Din, Communist leader of Tripoli.
3. Rashad Ruwayhah came to Beirut on about 1 December, and was the guest of Mustafa al-Aris, head of the Lebanese Federation of Labor Unions. He is reported to have met Nicolaiev, of the Political Section of the Soviet Legation, in the presence of Qadri Qa'laji, owner of al-Tarj, and Ibrahim al-Misri, who is said to be a Soviet agent.

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